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The listed European and U.S. Patent documents were cited in an International Search Report received from the European Patent Office in a foreign counterpart application. Copies of the listed patent documents are enclosed. Also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience is a copy of the International Search Report from the European Patent Office.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents

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